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SUBJECT: INTERPRETATION OF "JONES ACT" - APPLICABILITY
OF OFFSHORE DRILLING RIGS

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1. DRILLING RIGS REFERRED TO IN REFTEL ARE NORMALLY
CONSIDERED AS VESSELS AND NOT CUSTOMARILY SUBJECT TO
THE TARIFF SCHEDULES OF THE US. HOWEVER, ON THE
INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE REFTEL ALONE, NEITHER
THE ACCURATE APPLICABILITY OF THE JONES ACT NOR ANY
FINALITY OF A CUSTOMS DETERMINATION CAN BE STATED
WITHOUT KNOWING MORE DETAILS.

2. IF THE NORWEGIAN EXPORT COUNCIL WANTS TO DETERMINE
THE SPECIFICS OF ANY OIL-RIG EXPORTING VENTURES, IT
IS RECOMMENDED THAT THEY DIRECT THEIR INQUIRY, I.E.
INDICATE THE PROPOSED LOCATION AND ACTIVITY OF THE RIG
TO THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTLY OR TO:

COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS

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3. THE CUSTOMS SERVICE, IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING EXPORT GUIDANCE, WILL MAKE A RULING ON BOTH THE JONES ACT AND CUSTOMS ASPECTS OF ANY INQUIRY. KISSINGER

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